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## Where Big Leagues Are Training



## Crosby Asks for Pirate Uniform

By United Press  
HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 3.—Bing Crosby, part owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, was expected to put in his first appearance of the season at the team's training camp here today.

Crosby phoned Manager Bill Meyer yesterday, "I want to work out, so be sure to have uniform to fit me."

TUCSON, Ariz.—Pitchers Bob Lemon, Ed Klemm, Al Gettel and Ed Garcia were scheduled to hurl in the Cleveland Indians' first intra-squad seven-inning game of the season.

The game will pit the veterans against the rookies and will be followed with a long drill. Hank Greenberg is still working out with the Tribe, but there is no indication that he has signed any kind of a contract.

**Rookie Slams Homers**

PASADENA, Cal.—Tee Lyons, manager of the Chicago White Sox, said today he would stick exclusively to a rookie lineup for the Sox opening exhibition series with the Chicago Cubs next week-end.

Rookie outfielder Gus Zernial pointed up Lyons' announcement yesterday by swatting several home runs in batting drill.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Manager Mel Ott of the New York Giants had praise today for the work so far shown in camp by rookie pitcher Earl McGowen, left-hander from Waycross, Ga.

McGowan, 27 years old, won 17 games and lost 11 last year for Minneapolis.

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic—Elwin (Preacher) Roe, southpaw pitcher obtained from the Pittsburgh Pirates during the winter, was on the sideline at the Brooklyn Dodgers' training camp today with an injured ankle.

The injury, suffered on the first day of training, was not believed serious.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal.—Manager Zack Taylor of the St. Louis Browns planned a strenuous

workout for his team today to round them into shape for the exhibition games which start Sunday against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Taylor and the whole team were elated by the slugging of rookie catcher Tom Jordan, up from San Antonio. In each of his five turns at bat, he knocked at least one pitch over the left-field wall, 357 feet away.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Outfielder Charley Keller of the New York Yankees appeared today to have made a remarkable recovery from the back ailment which kept him on the bench and in hospitals last season.

Keller, operated on during the winter, ran with his old speed, fielded with grace, and swung a bat smoothly.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia A's, promised today that his men would "do a lot of running and fielding to make up for the lack of exhibition games."

The A's, only major league team training on Florida's East Coast, have only six big league games scheduled during their ida-International League.

**Flair Promoted**

CLEARWATER, Fla.—Manager Ben Chapman of the Philadelphia Phillies today named rookie Al Flair as his regular regular basemen.

"The job is yours until you convince me you can't make the grade," said Chapman in signing Flair.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—President Bob Hannegan of the St. Louis Cardinals said today that he would be "glad" to confer with holdout Stan Musial, but the first baseman was still unsigned.

Other Cardinals holdouts are pitchers Harry Brecheen and rookie Ray Yochim. Catcher Del Rice signed yesterday.

LAKELAND, Fla.—The task of picking the Detroit Tigers' first-string first baseman was no simpler than ever today, as rookies George Vlaco and Paul

Campbell continued to sparkle in practice.

Vice hit .307 last year for Portland of the Pacific Coast League, while Campbell hit .304 for Louisville of the American Association.

**Absent From Camp**

SARASOTA, Fla.—Pitcher Ellis Kinder, who was invariably late reporting at camp when he was a St. Louis Brownie, was still absent from the camp of his new club, the Boston Red Sox, today.

BRADENTON, Fla.—Manager Billy Southworth of the Boston Braves was getting his first good look today at Jeff Heath, outfielder acquired from the St. Louis Browns.

Heath, who hit 27 home runs for the Browns last year, reported at camp yesterday, as did outfielder Bob Sturgeon and pitcher Clyde Shoun.

TAMPA, Fla.—Pitcher Johnny Vandermeer of the Cincinnati Reds, still a holdout, said today that he anticipated an early settlement of his differences with club President Warren Giles.

Vandermeer is working out with the Tampa club of the Florida-International League.

**Lonesome Newsom**

CHICAGO, Mar. 3 (UPI)—The United Press all Big Nine basketball team:

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Eastern Division

## 9 Tribe Pitchers In Camp

## Squad of 16 Starts Early Workouts

## 2 Local Rookies Trying Out

TIMES SPECIAL  
VICTORIA, Tex., Mar. 3—Manager Al Lopez and his first lieutenant, Tony Cuccinelli, started the long spring training grind here yesterday by putting nine pitchers, five catchers and two early reporting outfields through their paces at Riverside Park as the Indianapolis Indians opened spring drills.

The squad of 16 will be increased to 44 Friday when outfields and infielders report. The first spring game is with St. Paul here Mar. 13.

Jim Bagby the Pittsburgh veteran has been given permission to report a few days late.

Pitchers drilling opening day were Bob Malloy and Glen Fletcher, with the Tribe last year.

Johnny Hutchings who was on the voluntary, retired list in 1947; Frank Stare and Charlie Rushe, who spent 1947 with York; Joe Menachek and Salvatore Cuttitta, with Albany in 1947; Gary Thorburg with Keokuk, and Lee Howard, who closed with Selma.

Catchers include Robert Ganas who was with Albany in 1947; Tom Sheehan with York, and Tom Tieffenthaler, Emil Kalsler and Tommy Dobkins, rookie from Indianapolis. Sheehan is a former Notre Dame baseball captain.

Frank Kalin, who was with the Indians in 1947, and Harry Minor, who saw service with Riverside Cal., are the two outfields who reported five days early.

Rookie Kaiser caught for the South Side Sants in the Big Six amateur league here last summer.

**Big Nine Selections**

CHICAGO, Mar. 3 (UPI)—The United Press all Big Nine basketball team:

**FIRST TEAM**  
Wier, Iowa ..... Forward  
Schnittker, Ohio State ..... Forward  
McIntyre, Minnesota ..... Center  
Harrison, Michigan ..... Guard  
Elliot, Michigan ..... Guard

**SECOND TEAM**  
Cook, Wisconsin ..... Forward  
Eddleman, Illinois ..... Forward  
Watson, Indiana ..... Center  
Suprunowicz, Michigan ..... Guard  
Schulz, Iowa ..... Guard

**RESULTS LAST NIGHT**  
Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 8.  
Hershey 6, Springfield 8.  
Providence 6, St. Louis 3.

**Cubs Sign Lowrey**

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**Bears' 1948 Schedule**

CHICAGO, Mar. 3 (UPI)—The Chicago Bears have announced a six-game home schedule for National Football League play next year. The dates:

Oct. 18—At Atlanta Rams.  
Oct. 27—Detroit Lions.  
Oct. 31—New York Giants.  
Nov. 4—At Bay Packers.  
Nov. 22—Washington Redskins.  
Dec. 12—Chicago Cardinals.

**McGow Wins Feature**

Chuck McGow, Indianapolis featherweight, won an unanimous eight-round decision over Pat Murphy of Racine, Wis., last night in one of two feature bouts at Michigan City, Ind.

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